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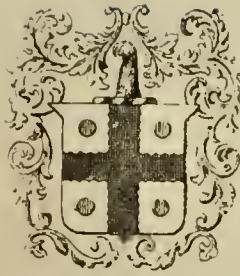
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MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

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ARTHUR DODGEON.

Public Health Department.

Medical Officer :

Dr. TATTERSALL.

Sanitary Inspector :

JOHN H. BRIDGE.

TOPOGRAPHY.

CLAYTON-LE-MOORS,

LANCASHIRE, N.E.

53° 46" to 53° 48" latitude.

2° 22" to 2° 24" longitude.

Enfield.

Highest part of Township above Sea level, 540 feet.

Mean level, 470 feet.

Oakenshaw.

Lowest part of Township above Sea level, 240 feet.

Mean level, 390 feet.

Landfall. South-Easterly to North-Westerly.

550 to 200 feet.

Climate.

Exposed : Atmosphere damp.

Prevalent Winds : Westerly, South-Westerly.

Soil.

Moorland, Clay.

Surrounding Hills : On the North the Penine Range.

North-East : The Pendle Hills.

North-West : Minor Hills.

Annual Rainfall : Average, 50 inches.

Rivers.

The Hyndburn, the chief recipient of the rainfall of the district.

Canals.

Leeds and Liverpool Canal, dividing the Township into higher and lower portions, Enfield and Oakenshaw.

Industries.

Mining, Brick-making, Soap-making, Domestic Machine making, Cotton Weaving, Paper Printing, Hydraulic Ram making, Chemicals and Colours.

Area	1039.922 acres.
Area of Water	18.078 „
Total	<u>1058</u> „

POPULATION :

Census	7,909
Estimated middle 1937.....	7,162
Rateable Value	£32,255
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£126

INHABITED HOUSES :

Census	2,101
According to Rate Book	2,229
New Houses Certified	24
Persons per House	3.21
Uninhabited Houses	38
Houses Demolished	—

TO THE

*Chairman and Members of the Urban District
Council of Clayton-le-Moors.*

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

The ANNUAL REPORT of the Health, and Statistics relating to the Morality, for the year 1937, are as follows:—

Population ... 7,162.

		Total.	Male.	Female.		
LIVE BIRTHS.	{ Legitimate ...	87	51	36	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population	12.5
	{ Illegitimate ...	3	1	2		
	{ Total	90	52	38		
STILL BIRTHS		6	1	5	Rate per 1,000 Total (live and still) Births	62
DEATHS		107	58	49	Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population ...	14.9
					Adjusted Death Rate ...	16.3
					Population factor	1.10

Fuller details of the Sickness and Mortality are here shown :—

Diphtheria	—	Peptic Ulcer	1
Tuberculosis of Respiratory		Diarrhœa (under two years)	—
System	2	Diseases of the Liver	1
Other Tuberculous Diseases.	1	Other Digestive Diseases...	4
General Paralysis of the		Nephritis	3
Insane	—	Congenital Disease—	
Cancer	15	Premature Birth	} 3
Diabetes.....	2	Congenital Causes.....	
Cerebral Hæmorrhage	2	Senility	1
Heart Disease	39	Syphilis	—
Aneurysm	—	Suicide	—
Other Circulatory Diseases...	6	Other Violence	7
Bronchitis	1	Other Defined Diseases ...	9
Influenza	5	Puerperal Sepsis	—
Pneumonia	5	Other Puerperal Diseases	—
Other Respiratory	—		

Total ... 107

Infant Deaths under one year of age	6
Infant Deaths under two years of age (Diarrhœa)	Nil.
Death rate from all causes per 1,000 of the population.....	14.9

Population, 7,162 Mean of 5 Years.	Per 1,000 of Estimated Population.				Maternal Mortality Rate.		
	Live Birth Rate.	Crude Death Rate.	Death Rate: Tuber- culosis, Respir- atory.	Death Rate: Cancer.	Per 1,000 Live Births.	Per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births.	Rate of Deaths under One Year per 1,000 Live Births.
1932-1936...	14.1	13.7	0.23	2.29	6.06	5.77	78
1936	14.4	12.6	0.27	1.76	9.43	9.17	47
1937	12.5	14.9	0.27	2.09	Nil.	Nil.	66
Increase or Decrease in 1937 on five years' average.							
1932-1936.	-1.6	+1.2	+0.04	-0.20	-6.06	-5.77	-12
Previous year	-1.9	+2.3	Nil.	+0.33	-9.43	-9.17	+19

CLAYTON-LE-MOORS
ESTIMATED POPULATION.

1921	...	8,579	1929	...	8,524
1922	...	8,747	1930	...	8,217
1923	...	8,757	1931	...	7,980
1924	...	8,740	1932	...	7,729
1925	...	8,693	1933	...	7,650
1926	...	8,468	1934	...	7,588
1927	...	8,399	1935	...	7,499
1928	...	8,500	1936	...	7,349
		1937	...		7,162

Birth-rates, Death-rates, Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Death-rates, and Case-rates for certain Infectious Diseases in the year 1937.

England and Wales, London, 125 Great Towns and 148 Smaller Towns.

(Provisional Figures based on Weekly and Quarterly Returns.)

	England and Wales	125 County Boro's and Great Towns including London	148 Smaller Towns (Resident Populations 25,000 to 50,000 at 1931 Census).	London Adminis- trative County.
Rates per 1,000 Population.				
Births :				
Live	14.9	14.9	15.3	13.3
Still	0.60	0.67	0.64	0.54
Deaths :				
All Causes	12.4	12.5	11.9	12.3
Typhoid and Paratyphoid fevers ...	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
Smallpox	—	—	—	—
Measles	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.01
Scarlet fever	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Whooping Cough	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.06
Diphtheria	0.07	0.08	0.05	0.05
Influenza	0.45	0.39	0.42	0.38
Violence	0.54	0.45	0.42	0.51
Notifications :				
Smallpox	0.00	—	0.00	—
Scarlet fever	2.33	2.56	2.42	2.09
Diphtheria	1.49	1.81	1.38	1.93
Enteric Fever	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.05
Erysipelas	0.37	0.43	0.34	0.44
Pneumonia	1.36	1.58	1.20	1.18
Rates per 1,000 Live Births.				
Deaths under 1 year of age	58	62	55	60
Deaths from Diarrhoea and Enteritis under 2 years of age	5.8	7.9	3.2	12.0
Maternal Mortality :				
Puerperal Sepsis	0.97	} Not available		
Others	2.26			
Total	3.23			
Rates per 1,000 Total Births (i.e., Live and Still).				
Maternal Mortality :				
Puerperal Sepsis	0.94	} Not available		
Others	2.17			
Total	3.11			
Notifications :				
Puerperal Fever	} 13.93	17.59	11.52	{ 4.15 14.34
Puerperal Pyrexia				

TUBERCULOSIS.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1937.

Age Periods.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Years.								
0.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1.....	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—
5.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15.....	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
20.....	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
25.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35.....	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45.....	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
55.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and upwards	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals...	6	3	1	1	1	1	1	—
	9		2		2		1	

NOTIFIED CASES ONLY.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1937.

Notifiable Diseases.	Total Cases, all ages.	Removed to Hospital.	Deaths in Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever ...	1	—	—	—
Diphtheria ...	2	2	—	—
Pneumonia ...	1	—	—	1
Acute Poliomyelitis...	1	—	—	1
Total ...	5	2	—	2

Vaccines and Anti-toxins are available for all medical necessitous cases.

Deaths from Puerperal Causes :

Puerperal Sepsis	...	...	Nil	Death Rate per	
Other Puerperal Causes	...	Nil	1,000	(live and	
Total	...	...	Nil	still) Births	... Nil

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :

All Infants per 1,000 Live Births	...	...	...	66
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	...			57
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	...			333

Live Births :

		M.	F.		
Total	...	90	52	38	Birth Rate per 1,000
Legitimate	...	87	51	36	of the estimated
Illegitimate		3	1	2	resident population 12.5

Still Births :

		M.	F.		
Total	...	6	1	5	Rate per 1,000
					Total (live and
					still) Births
					... 62

Cancer mortality registers 15 deaths, forming 14 per cent. of the total deaths.

Heart Diseases register 20 deaths, forming 18 per cent. of the total deaths.

Legislation :

LOCAL ACTS.

Local Government Boards.

Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Act, 1886.

do. Church and Clayton-le-Moors Joint Cemetery Board (No. 10) Act, 1893.

do. Clayton-le-Moors and Great Harwood Joint Sewerage Board (No. 8) Act, 1893.

LOCAL ORDERS.

Notification of Acute Poliomyelitis Cerebro Spinal Fever.
1st July, 1912.

Regulations, Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops, 1st January,
1904.

GENERAL ADOPTIVE ACTS.

P.H.A., 1890, Parts II, III.

Public Libraries Act, 1892-1901.

Baths and Wash-houses Act, 1846-1899.

BYE-LAWS RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

Nuisances.

Common Lodging Houses.

Offensive Trades.

Slaughter Houses.

Buildings.

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Social Conditions of the Township.	The social conditions appertaining to the Township are ministered to by the various institutions, clubs, recreative games, sports; educative, and religious bodies of various sects.
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Pleasures and Recreations.	The surroundings are partly rural; there are pleasant walks, and motor excursions; buses; motor coaches; ideal roads; distant scenery.
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There is a Town Hall; Reading Room, and Free Library; Public Baths are provided, and a Park for walks, health promoting, and rest.

Employment.	The principal employment of the Township was cotton weaving, but this has been superseded to some extent by cotton blanket manufacturing. Other employment is found in the manufacturing
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of bricks, soaps, hydraulic rams, paper printing, domestic machines, and chemicals, whilst many of the inhabitants are employed as miners in neighbouring districts.

Water. The water supply is amply arranged for, and is
Supply. of good and pure nature. Economy is required during prolonged drought. The Accrington District Gas and Water Board are the Company undertaking this power.

Food The inspection of food, meat, fish, vegetables,
Inspection. and fruit is regularly practised by the Sanitary Inspector and Medical Officer, and the foods inspected are dealt with as the occasion requires.

Milk The farms and dairies provide a plentiful
Supply supply of good milk of standard quality. Inspections
and are made continuously as to the cleanliness and the
Farms. health of the cattle and the condition of the farms.

Drainage. The drainage of the Township is ample ; efficiently kept in order ; extension and improvement immediately attended to by the Sanitary Surveyor's Department.

Scavenging. Scavenging is regularly in active operation and satisfactorily cleared ; no nuisances tolerated. Conveniences and closet accommodation in housing conditions are fully in accordance with the regulations of sanitary law.

Hospital Provision for hospital treatment in accidents
Provision. and sudden illness of a serious character is made, and nurses are available.

Nursing and Nursing and child welfare work is carried out
Child by the County Council ; the clinic, held at the
Welfare. Town Hall every Thursday, is well patronized.

**Schools
and
Inspection.**

The Schools are hygienic and considered in good condition as to cleanliness and care. The School Medical Officer, along with Nurses, attend for the various diagnosis of defects as regards the eyes, teeth, and general health, and all abnormalities. Weekly reports are forwarded by the Attendance Officer, tabulating the various illnesses, and non-attendance of the scholars.

There has been no exceptional illness in the Schools, and the inspections of their sanitary condition is satisfactory.

**Other
Conditions
in the
Amenities
of the life
in the
Township.**

The unemployment existing almost everywhere causes economic difficulties and tendencies to the deterioration of nutrition and health; the curtailment of the desires for the amenities of life calls for sacrifice. Improvement in trade and purchasing power appears to be beyond human endeavour.

To obtain the necessities of life, many of the people have to find work outside the district, and to take their mid-day meals with them.

The diminution of the population is about 500 below normal.

The cotton weaving trade in the Township is in a very bad state, and there is a severe paralysis of prosperity. It is hoped that other trades and employment will come to the Township.

**Housing
Shortage
and
Overcrowding.**

To alleviate the overcrowding, 18 houses have been built.

This is quite satisfactory for the requirements, caused, by a slight overcrowding, existing.

The Council have given these matters constant attention and acted according to the instructions of the memorandum for the demolition of unfit houses.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

COUNCIL OFFICES,
CLAYTON-LE-MOORS.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Clayton-le-Moors Urban District Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN, MRS. KENNEDY, AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my ANNUAL REPORT for the year ended
31st December, 1937.

Number and Nature of Inspections.

Bakehouses	40
Common Yards, Passages, etc.	8
Dairies and Cowsheds	18
Stables and Manure Sheds, etc.	2
Slaughter Houses.....	81
Infectious Disease investigations	5
Rooms disinfected	7
Visits and revisits to work done and in progress	442

Under the Factories and Workshops Act.

Factories	2
Workshops	1

Under the Public Health or Housing Acts.

Total number of Dwelling-houses inspected	71
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Notices served in respect of Nuisances.

No. of notices served : Informal	154
„ „ „ Statutory	10
„ legal proceedings taken.....	Nil.
„ nuisances abated after informal action	243

Licences.

The following licences were granted during the year :—

Slaughter-houses licensed	1
Petroleum Stores licensed	18
Accredited Retail Milk	1
Pasteurized Milk	7
Supplementary Licence to sell Milk as Accredited	1

Nature of Nuisances and Defects.

Accumulation of Refuse	27
Blocked Drains in connection with w.c.'s.	20
Chimneys defective	4
Dampness	29
Doors defective	10
Doorsteps defective	12
Eaves Troughing defective	4
Fireplaces defective.....	19
Floor flagging defective	3
Floor Boards defective	13
Handrails (staircase) defective	4
Insanitary Ashpit accommodation	11
Insufficient Ashbin accommodation	114
Insufficient Closet accommodation	2
Insufficient Light	2
No facilities for storing food	18
No facilities for washing clothes.....	2
Outbuildings defective	15
Ovens defective	3
Plaster defective (internal)	6
Plaster defective (external)	6
Raining in.....	13

Side boilers defective	6
Slopwater pipes defective	1
Slopstones defective	7
Tippers defective	9
Verminous Houses	2
Window cords defective.....	9
Window frames defective	29
Water supply insufficient	1
Yard gates defective	3
Total.....	<u>404</u>

Closet Accommodation.

No. of houses using :—

Fresh water closets (connected to sewers)	449
Waste water closets (estimated)	1,765
Pail closet system	11
Privy midden system	4

169 blocked drains in connection with slopwater closets have been opened.

Nine waste water closets were converted to the fresh water system during the year, and it is hoped that during the coming year advantage will be taken of the Council's grant towards the cost of conversion under Section 47 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Ashpit Accommodation.

The following is the number and type of ashpit accommodation :

No. of covered ashpits...	17, used jointly by 58 houses, as against 47, used by 97 houses last year.
„ ashbins	2,180, used jointly by 2,191, houses as against 2,096, used by 2,108 houses last year.

The collection of the refuse is done weekly by the Surveyor's department, and is tipped satisfactorily on land at Butterworth Holme.

Work from the Surveyor's Department.

Ashpits emptied	408
Ashpails emptied	116,925
Privy Pails emptied	450
Loads of House Refuse removed to tips	2,415
Horse Carts of Street Sweepings removed to tips.....	24
Hand Carts of Street Sweepings removed to tips	1,204
Tumblers of Gully Refuse removed to tips	121
Houses Fumigated	7
Blocked Drains and w.c.'s opened	169
Loads of Snow removed	58
New houses certified as fit for human habitation ...	24

HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1937.

No. of new houses erected during the year :—

(A) Total [including numbers given separately under (B)]	24
(i) By the Local Authority	18
(ii) By other Local Authorities	—
(iii) By other bodies and persons	6
(B) With State assistance under the Housing Acts :—	
(i) By the Local Authority	18
(ii) By other bodies or persons	—

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year :—

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	71
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.....	192
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses [included under sub-head (1) above] which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	51
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.....	108
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	3
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	40

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of formal Notices :—

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	42
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—

A.—Proceedings under Sections 17, 18, and 23 of the Housing Act, 1930 :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	3
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(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—

(a) By owners	3
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	—

B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	—
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(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—

(a) By owners	—
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners...	—

C.—Proceedings under Sections 19 and 21 of the Housing Act, 1930 :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	—
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(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	—
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D.—Proceedings under Section 20 of the Housing Act, 1930 :

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	—
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(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	—
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4. Housing Act, 1936—Overcrowding :—

(a)	(i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	9
	(ii) Number of families dwelling therein	11
	(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein	58
(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	1
(c)	(i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	18
	(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases.....	125

HOUSING.—General Remarks.

The number of houses within the district is now 2,229, an increase of 24 houses on the previous year.

There now appears to be a sufficient number of houses within the district to meet present requirements ; there being 38 uninhabited houses again at the end of the year, the majority being “ To Let.”

Migration of the people from the district appears to be still prevalent, owing to shortage of work in the cotton industry.

There is a necessity, however, for a number of small houses or flat-lets for aged people, which will utilize a narrow strip of land on the Oakenshaw Housing Estate, and so relieve a larger type of family house at present occupied by aged people.

Overcrowding.

Of the 24 houses which were built during the year, 18 built by the Local Authority, were occupied by overcrowded tenants, which has relieved the situation considerably.

At the end of the year nine houses only were overcrowded, one of which was reported during the year.

Much progress, too, has been made in the separation of sexes, people finding better accommodation.

Dairies and Cowsheds.**MILK AND DAIRIES ORDER, 1926.**

Regular inspections were made during the year, and no special alterations were made with regard to lighting or floor area, the conditions being found satisfactory.

THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDER, 1936.

No. of dealers' licences (including supplementary licences) issued by the Local Authority during 1937, in respect of :—

(Tuberculin Tested) Milk :—

(i) Bottling	None
(ii) Distribution	None

"Accredited " Milk :—

(i) Bottling	None
(ii) Distribution	1

No. of licences issued in respect of " Pasteurised " Milk :—

Pasteurising Plant	None
Retail Distributors	9

There was no refusal or revocation of registration of retailers or of licences during the year.

Farms.

No. of Dairy Farms	9
Approximate No. of Cows in district.....	150
No. of Cow-keepers (including the dairy farms)	9
No. on Register	9
No. of Inspections during the year	22
No. of Dairymen (other than Cow-keepers) or milk purveyors.....	35
No. on Register	42

Slaughter-houses.

There are four private slaughter-houses within the district, three of which are registered and one licensed. These have received the usual inspections.

1.—INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTOR.

Premises. (1)	Number of		
	Inspections. (2)	Written Notices. (3)	Occupiers prosecuted. (4)
FACTORIES ... (Including Factory Laundries)	2	—	Nil.
WORKSHOPS... (Including Workshop Laundries)	1	—	Nil.
WORKPLACES ... (Other than Outworkers' premises)	2	—	Nil.
TOTAL ...	5	—	Nil.

2.—DEFECTS FOUND.

Particulars. (1)	Number of Defects.			Number of offences in respect of which Prosecutions were instituted. (5)
	Found. (2)	Rein- died. (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector. (4)	
Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :				
Want of cleanliness	—	—	—	—
Want of ventilation	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—
Want of drainage of floors...	—	—	—	—
Other nuisances	—	—	—	—
Sanitary accommodation { insufficient	I	I	—	—
{ unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—
{ not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—
Offences under the Factory and Workshop Acts :—				
Illegal occupation of underground bakehouse (S. 101)	—	—	—	—
Other offences	—	—	—	—
[Excluding offences relating to out- work and offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Work- shops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921.]				
TOTAL	I	I	—	—

REGISTERED WORKSHOPS.

31st December, 1937.

Bakers and Confectioners	27
Blacksmiths	1
Boot Repairers and Clog Makers	10
Cabinet Makers	2
Coopers	1
Dressmakers	10
Engineers.....	1
Joiners and Builders	14
Marine Store Dealers	1
Metal Brokers	1
Mineral Water Manufacturers.....	1
Motor Repair Workshops	3
Printers	3
Plumbers and Painters	9
Rubber Manufacturers.....	1
Soap Makers	3
Sadlers	1
Saw Mills	1
Tailors	3
Tinsmiths	1

Infectious Diseases.

Nine houses were fumigated after the following infectious diseases :—

Diphtheria	2
Tuberculosis	6
Scarlet Fever	1

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN H. BRIDGE.

